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Collectin' Stamps



A feller isn't thinkin' mean,
Collectin' stamps;
His thoughts are mostly good and clean,
Collectin' stamps;
He doesn't knock his fellow men,
Or harbor any grudges then;
A fellers at his finest when
He's collectin' stamps.

The rich are comrade to the poor,
Collectin' stamps;
All brothers of a common lure,
Collectin' stamps;
The boy; the joy the reprints bring
Can chum with millionaire and king;
Vain pride is a forgotten thing,
Collectin' stamps.

A feller's glad to be a friend,
Collectin' stamps;
A helpin' hand he'll always lend,
Collectin' stamps;
This brotherhood of shifts and line,
And "Cats" and tongs is simply fine;
Men come real close to God's design,
Collectin' stamps.

A feller isn't plottin' schemes,
Collectin' stamps;
He's only busy with his dreams,
Collectin' stamps;
His livery is a benzine pan,
His creed—to do the best he can;
A feller's always mostly man,
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—Silas Weatherby.

With apologies to Edgar A. Guest.



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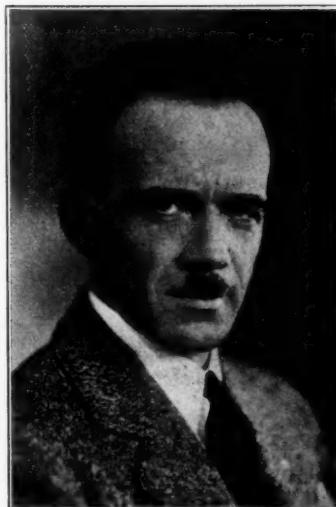
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Chicago Philatelic Society Holds Remarkable Show

By Ralph A. Kimble

Few of the great national stamp exhibitions have ever excelled in quality and intelligent philatelic appeal to the public the splendid three-day exhibit held by the Chicago Philatelic Society during the first week of December. The organization itself has a long and honorable record of achievement, having been founded way back in '86, the oldest stamp club in the country. Since then it has held semi-monthly meetings consecutively to the present day, celebrating its One Thousandth Meeting about two years ago. P. M. Wolseffer, the well-known auction manager and stamp dealer of Philadelphia is the ranking member of the society, being Founder Member No. 1, and Charles E. Severn, whose untimely death a year ago brought sorrow to all stamp lovers, made perhaps the greatest single contribution to the success of the society, serving as he did for many years as president, and being a life member of the Board of Directors at the time of his death. Dr. C. W. Hennan, whose stamp collecting activities have won him recognition throughout the world, is at present the only life member of the Board.

In keeping with the strict standards and high ideals of the organization, the exhibition of Dec. 4, 5, 6, was a wonderful example of philatelic achievement. It was literally a collection of stars, every entry a show piece of the highest type, and this excellence was so uniform in all entries that the task of the judges was not a simple one. Sixty frames of twelve standard pages each was the limit set by the committee, yet those sixty frames represented an actual value of more than a quarter of a mil-



lion dollars. The magnitude of that figure gives a more graphic idea of the scope of the show than can any detailed explanation.

The exhibition was held in the Rose Room of the Morrison Hotel, open to visitors from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. each day, with no admission charged at any time. An unusually fine program was printed, with a comprehensive description of every frame, a feature so often slighted, and one which is essential not only to the philatelic visitor but especially so to the throngs of interested amateurs who would otherwise have no idea of what they were viewing. Many favor-

able comments were heard on this one point.

Possibly one of the outstanding features was the uniform excellence with which the various entries were written-up. A frame of world rarities means little to the average spectator unless it embodies a brief but clear explanation of just what is contained in the entry. This point was especially well observed here. Arrangement of the stamps on the page and the pages in the frame was another carefully thought-out point. The owner is of course responsible for the first, while the committee is for the second point, and in almost every frame the attractive arrangement made a decided appeal to even the non-technical eye. Dealers' tables, of which there were eight, including that of one paper: Linn's Weekly Stamp News, were so arranged that they did not interfere in any way with the visitor's contemplation of the frames. Publicity in the local press was somewhat meager for the first two days, not through any fault of the publicity committee, but even so the attendance was unusually good, while on Saturday the big room was crowded to its limit from morning to night. A number of out of town visitors attended, including some of the leading figures in the stamp world. Saturday afternoon brought the usual throngs of juniors, and a lecture by Captain Townsend together with the free souvenirs given them made an especially strong appeal to the younger collectors.

Awards for those entries competing were made Friday by the following judges of the exhibition:

Elliott Perry, Westfield, N. J.
H. Starr Dickey, Newton, Kans.

Raymond V. Bahr, Springfield, Ill.

Julius M. Westphal, Joliet, Ill.

Douglas P. Ball, Chicago.

Dr. J. V. Mashek, Chicago.

Maj. Ralph A. Kimble, Chicago.

Special awards were given to the following exhibits which were not entered for competition, comprising some of the show pieces of the world:

Alfred F. Lichtenstein, New York—All known bisect varieties of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick on cover, including double bisects. A magnificent frame.

Fred R. Schmalzriedt, Detroit—Patent Cancellations used in Chicago and other Illinois offices on early U. S. stamps designed to prevent cleaning and re-use of stamps.

Elliott Perry, Westfield, N. J.—Chicago Match stamps, including the scarce Pierce—and correspondence concerning their issue and use. An education in itself.

A. H. Wilhelm, San Francisco, Calif.—A complete collection of the proofs and essays of the 1869 issue of the United States. A beautiful and priceless frame.

Laurence B. Mason, Cranford, N. J.—Three frames of Postmasters' Provisionals, Carriers and 1847 issues. New York, Baltimore, St. Louis, Charleston, etc., on cover. Many special features and rare combinations, including a strip of four of the 10c 1847 on cover. One of the finest displays we have ever seen.

Beverly S. King, New York—Most of the known double transfer and cracked-plate varieties on U. S. Civil War revenues. Especially attractive with its enlarged photos illustrating the varieties, and in its comprehensive write-up.

Theodore Steinway, New York—Used and unused blocks of the stamps of Hamburg, including very unusual blocks of six and eight of the 2½ green, on pieces of cover.

Charles Lathrop Pack, Washington, D. C.—Portions of the extensive collection of Liberty Heads of Brazil, showing all varieties of the "borrowed heads." This collection was recently donated by Mr. Pack

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Dr. Clarence W. Hennan, Chicago—Die Proofs, Plate Proofs, Essays of Holland. Many unique. A splendid study.

Edward Stern, New York—President Franks. One of the most interesting exhibits, with the pictures and actual autographs of every President from Washington to Hoover.

It would seem after reading the above list of exhibits that there could be nothing left for the competitive classes, but the following account of awards illustrate how equally fine were all exhibits. Classes and places awarded were:

I. United States Postage

1st. Sol Newberry, Chicago—Early United States issues including unusual cancellations, rare shades, etc. Pairs of the 5c and 10c '47, a strip of three of the 5c 1851. Other wonderful pieces.

2nd. Paul McGuffin, Libertyville, Ill.—Two frames of the 1847 to '57 issues. A magnificent frame of 5c 1847 with strips, pairs and a block of four. Also a frame of the 10c stamps of the '51 and '57 issues with a diagram for identification of recuts.

3rd. S. A. Gerstley, Chicago—Six pages of United States Air Mails.

II. U. S. Special Classes

1st. Clarence W. Hennan, Chicago—Three frames. Universal Postal Union "Sample" and "Sample A" issues, Specimen issues of 1861, 1873, Columbian and Trans-Mississippi issues and of all issues from 1898 to 1904 complete. Included the inverted center of the 4c Pan American. All Newspaper, Departmental, Special delivery and Postage due "Specimens." A unique collection beyond price.

2nd. Not awarded.

3rd. S. A. Gerstley, Chicago—Six pages of Match and Medicine stamps.

III. British North America

1st. Paul McGuffin, Libertyville, Ill.—An extraordinary and beautiful collection of sixty pages showing British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and first issues of Canada almost complete. A masterpiece.

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| New postage Map design, 1½s, 8s | .06 |
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| Aeros, 50p at 55c; 100p at | 1.10 |
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| Postage, 50p at 55c; 100p at | 1.20 |
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110 @ 1.00, 121 @ .20, 123 @ .25, 125 @ .1.40,
126 @ .75, 135 @ .20, 137 @ .20,
138 @ .30, 139 @ .35, 151 @ .40, 152 @ .70,
153 @ 1.60, 154 @ .25, 609 @ .20, 610 @ .6.50, 611 @ .36.00.

2c. ea., 51, 98, 127, 128, 146, 443,
445, 446; 3c. ea., 52, 58, 64, 83, 99,
101, 113, 444; 4c. ea., 47, 53, 59, 71,
147; 5c. ea., 25, 45, 60, 84, 124; 6c. ea.,
26, 36, 68, 69, 100, 114, 115, 116,
131, 148; 8c. ea., 37, 39, 54, 57, 61, 67,
70, 72, 86, 102, 133, 149; 10c. ea., 32,
40, 79, 80, 85, 103, 105, 134; 12c. ea.,
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2nd. **James L. Kirkland, Chicago.** Canada complete through the 1908 issue except for No. 3. One of the most attractive exhibits of the show.

IV. South and Central America

1st. **Sol. Newberry, Chicago.**—Pairs, blocks and cancellation varieties of the first issue of Brazil. Included a unique block of 17 of the 90 reis, a block of 13 of the 60 reis and a block of 8 of the 30 reis. A priceless collection.

2nd. **Sol Newberry, Chicago.**—A selection of his specialized collection of the early issues of Columbian Republic. Large blocks and fine cancellation varieties.

V. Europe

1st. **Paul Nuss, Chicago.**—Holand first issues, Zeppelins, Marines, errors and perforation varieties. Perfection in arrangement and write-up. A beautiful collection.

2nd. **Robert Meyer, Chicago.**—Lichtenstein complete, including blocks, imperfs, semi-postals. Most attractively arranged.

3rd. **Theodore Reinhardt, Chicago.**—Mint German stamps. Thurn & Taxis, Saxony, Lubeck, Hanover, and Wurtemberg.

VI. Africa

1st. **Paul MacGuffin, Libertyville, Ill.**—Cape of Good Hope Triangles selected for shades and cancellations. Includes many pairs and blocks. A real work of art.

2nd. **H. O. Henneman, Chicago.**—A specialized collection of the Union of South Africa including specimens, essays, die proofs and pages to show lay-out. An unusual study, very complete.

VII. Germany and States

1st. **Paul MacGuffin, Libertyville, Ill.**—Two pages each from Saxony, Prussia, Schleswig-Holstein, Baden, Oldenberg, Brunswick, Bavaria, Lubeck, Wurtemberg, Hanover, Hamburg and Thurn & Taxis. A real masterpiece in these attractive classics.

VIII. Precancelled Stamps

1st. **Chicago Precancel Society, Chicago.**—General Precancels, including rarities. Perfection in arrangement and write-up. Included a complete treatise in non-technical language on all phases of precancel collecting. The best educational frame of the show.

2nd. **Adolph Gunesch, Chicago.**—General Precancels. A wide variety of standard rarities in blocks and varieties.

3rd. **H. A. Opalla, Chicago.**—Bureau Prints. Included pairs, blocks and the only known double print, the excessively rare Batavia 1c coil. New Orleans and Springfield experimental almost complete.

IX. Air Mail

1st. **Alex A. Cohen, Chicago.**—Specialized collection of Salvador provisional air mails showing all varieties complete. The authority on this most complex issue. Showed an immense amount of study intelligently directed.

2nd. **H. Wasmer, Chicago.**—Historical Airmail flights, Paris Balloon Post of 1870-71, Pioneer Flights, 1911-18, Zeppelin Flights 1912-30, Attempted Historical Flights.

3rd. **R. C. Davidson, Chicago.**—Zeppelin Covers embellished with pen and ink decorations and bearing unusual stamp combinations.

X. Special Class

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Clarence W. Hennan, **Chicago.**—The marvelous collection of Chicago cancellation on cover showing a complete history of the city in its early days. A collection that could not be equalled.

Herbert E. Keister, **Chicago.**—Material pertaining to the Submarine Postal Service used by Germany during the War. Complete set of stamps, two used covers, medal awarded submarine commander and an insurance paper showing the use of the stamps.

Art Bates, **Chicago.**—Precancelled Revenue Stamps of the United States used during the Spanish-American War. An unusual and valuable collection.

FARNHAM'S DETROIT SALE

Fred E. Farnham, who is making a place for himself in Detroit as the leading dealer of that city, held a very successful auction sale December 6, in the rooms of the Michigan Stamp Club in the Fort Wayne Hotel.

The floor bidders numbered about 125 and there were a large number of mail bidders including several from abroad.

The 672 lots offered brought very good prices and the competition was quite keen.

NEW CANADIAN STAMPS

The Canadian Postal Bulletin announced that the new 5c Air Mail stamp as well as the new 12c, 20c, 50c, and \$1.00 postage stamps were placed on sale December 4th.

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| 501 3c violet | .30 | 512 12c carm. | 1.00 |
| 483 8c imperf. | .50 | 499 2c carmine | .20 |
| 473 11c per. | 1.00 | 482 2c imperf. | .20 |
| 428 6c per. | .10 | 426 3c perf. | .10 |
| 415 9c salmon | .25 | 416 10c yellow | 1.75 |
| 408 1c imperf. | .25 | 406 2c carmine | .35 |
| 338 10c orange | .25 | 337 8c olive | .25 |
| 334 4c brown | .90 | 331 1c green | .20 |
| 1450 1c P. Post | .15 | 301 2c 1902 | 1.25 |
| 1452 8c P. Post | .60 | 1459 50c P. P. | 8.75 |
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| 13 12½c black, unused | 1.50 |

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UNITED STATES—Pulaski Stamp

There seems to be considerable uncertainty on the part of the powers that be to set a definite date for the issuance of the Pulaski Commemorative stamp. All we know is that at the date of writing this the stamp is promised for the last part of December. In order that those desiring first day covers may have sufficient notice we are going to try a very unusual thing. If you will send to the New Issue Editor of this paper at his address given above, a letter enclosing a stamped return envelope addressed to yourself, we will hold it till we have definite information on the Pulaski stamp, and will then mail that information to you immediately. That is all any human being can do. We do not guarantee anything except to mail out the information to you THE SAME DAY that we get it. Whether it will be in time for you to get your first day covers we cannot tell. This service costs you nothing, but to avoid a very large amount of labor and expense we must insist that you furnish us with the stamped return envelope addressed to yourself. Send these to Ralph A. Kimble, New Issue Editor, 8118 Dante Ave., Chicago, Ill.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Everyone has seen them by now, the 1930 Christmas Seal, but the feature of particular interest is in the fact that for the first time in many years they have been issued in booklet form. The ordinary sheets of 100 as usual, and book-



lets of 100 and also booklets of 200. Both booklets have horizontal panes of ten (5x2). They are reported to be rather few in number, particularly the \$2.00 booklet, of which only a few were available. Since Scott printed their admirable check list of these seals in the May 1928 number of their Monthly

Journal there has been an increasing interest taken in them.

BELGIUM

Rene Boon sends us the advertising poster showing the new Charity series in full colors. These were forecast in our Oct. 4th issue and the illustrations show an exceedingly attractive set of stamps. They are large in size, seven values in the series, each showing a different chateau. Issued Dec. 1st, they will remain on sale until January 31st, 1931, and will be good for postal use until September, 1931. Face value at the current rate of exchange is about 45c in our money. This will prove a popular set.

Mr. Boon also tells us that two new values of the current postage series, 40c and 70c were issued Dec. 1st. No change in design, so they are probably either A61 or A63. More on this when we see them.

CANADA

From Mr. S. Bendet we have a first day cover of the handsome new air post stamp. These were first issued Dec. 4th and while the color and size is almost the same as the former one, the design is greatly improved. We have seldom seen a more beautiful stamp. Paper is white and unwatermarked, perf. 11.



5c black brown

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Philatelic News Bureau quotes George S. Chapman in stating that by governmental decree No. 68, approved Nov. 28, 1930, the recently issued hurricane charity series is to be overprinted for air mail use. These ought to be good property indeed, as the quantity issued was not large and remainders are much smaller.

GUATAMALA

From A. C. Roessler we hear an explanation for the started but in-

complete air mail series, of which we chronicled the 6c on July 5th.

The reason for the delay in putting out the balance of the air set is attributed to the fact that there is difficulty in determining the proper face values. The post office has found that by charging a rate too high the quantity of mail has been cut down to such a degree as makes it impossible to continue airmail service. A commission has been appointed to determine the best rates for both domestic and foreign air services and until it decides the denominations on the 4 or 5 stamps still to be issued in this series nothing will be done. A large stock of paper came in from New York, but it is not certain yet that Byron Zadik who have printed quite a few of the recent Guatamala stamps will handle the new issue.

HUNGARY

Mr. R. Roberts submits the 10f dark blue, Type A26, in the new watermark as used on the 1928-29 series, double cross on pyramid (210).

A26 10f dark blue

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A47 1/2a green

LUXEMBURG

Rene Boon tells us that the 1930 charity set was issued Dec. 10. These are five in number, bearing the likeness of Prince Charles, and have a total face value of about 7.50 francs. They will remain on sale until January 31, 1931, and will be good for postal use until the end of 1931. Numbers issued are: 10c—194,400; 75c—146,000; 1fr—125,000; 1.25fr.—100,000; 1.75fr.—100,000. These will be illustrated within the next few weeks.

NETHERLANDS

Three more values of the current postage set come from Mr. R. Roberts with the new type perforation, one perf. omitted at each end of top and bottom. These are Scott's numbers 194-7-9, the 30c, 50c and 1 1/2c.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Frank F. Wills gives us one bit more of information regarding the recent air mail provisionals, stating that the overprint of 50c on 36c was applied with a rubber stamp with only four units on it, so seventy-five impression were necessary to complete the overprinting of the 300 stamps. Small wonder if there are many varieties! We hope they do not attempt any such thing again. Once is bad enough. Nothing so creates a resentment among collectors as an issue of this kind, impossible to secure except at speculators' prices. There is no legitimate excuse for such action, and it reacts largely to the detriment of the other stamps of the country.

PORTUGAL

Mr. R. Roberts sends along still another value in the current postal series, Lisbon print as before (imprint at foot), unwatermarked, perf. 11 1/2.

80c bottle green.

ST. KITTS—NEVIS

October 25th we forecast a change in color of the current type 1p postage stamp. Mr. R. Roberts sends us the new one, this time in a dull rose-red quite distinct from the former issues (No. 25 and 38). Printed in sheets of 60 as before (12 rows of 5) from Plate No. 1. Control number in base margin under each corner stamp. Watermark multiple crown and script CA, Perf. 14.

All 1p dull rose red

SALVADOR

Stamp Imports, Inc., of Chicago, have shown us the proof of a new and unheralded commemorative set of four low values which has not yet reached this country. It is the Menendez commemorative, series face values of 1-3-5-10 centavos, stamps of large horizontal format bearing at the right a picture of the statue of Menendez, one of their national heroes, and at the left a tablet holding the figure of value. This came out almost without notice and as there are positively only five thousand sets issued they will be extremely good property. Low face value, beauty, and a limited issue: these qualities make for scarce stamps. We expect these stamps here in time to illustrate for the next issue.

SURINAM

We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 1/2c, Type A14 in a very pale gray violet, perf. 13x12 1/2 instead of the violet perf. 12 1/2 of the 1913-15 series. Evidently a reissue of No. 74, but slightly different.

A14 1/2c pale gray violet

SWITZERLAND

We are indebted to the Westchester Stamp Co. for first copies of the just issued Pro Juventute set for 1930. There are four values as usual, three small ones showing arms of different cities, while the last value bears a picture of Jérémias Gotthelf, Swiss author. The first three measure 21x17 1/2mm and are gorgeous lithographs in three and four colors. The 30c is recess printed and measures 36x22mm. All are watermarked Greek Cross (183), perf. 12.



5c dark blue, green and black
10c yellow, red, violet and black
20c yellow, green, vermilion and black
30c deep blue

URUGUAY

Stamp Imports, Inc., score again in showing us the new four value charity series issued to raise funds for the old people's homes. These are extremely handsome, large stamps measuring 22 1/2x29mm, line engraved on unwatermarked paper perf. 12. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. of London produced them. Design the same for all values.



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5c vermilion
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Dear Bob:

I have just returned from Akron, Ohio, where I attended the annual meeting of the Rubber City Stamp Club. This affair was sure some meeting. It was held on Saturday afternoon and evening, and on Sunday, until the crowd had melted away or rather I should say it started at noon Saturday and ran continuous until sometime Sunday afternoon or evening with something on the program all the time.

I know you would have enjoyed every minute of the jollification, for that is what it really was and everyone there had a big time. Perhaps if I start at the beginning and tell you all about it, that is, all about all that I know about, which I am sure is only part of it, then you can better understand what you missed.

It was held at the Hotel Portage, an excellent room on the main floor just off the lobby was used. On arrival, most of the collectors as well as sightseers from the city viewed the exhibit that had been placed in handsome frames at one end of the room. This exhibit although of but a few frames was very interesting and numerous interesting things were shown. Perhaps the most notable was the frame showing the plating of the 5c Inland Exchange and then the frames of the 6c Columbian showing the marked varieties in the two panes. O. S. Hart had frames of some of his large blocks of used U. S. and those were exceedingly attractive.

The frames of foreign stamps were made up in a novel manner, the stamps being mounted on black cards and then on a wall paper background and embellished with colored pictures of views from the countries from which the stamps came, this making them particularly attractive.

In the same room with the exhibit there were numerous large tables for trading and showing stamps and at one end of the room in charge of an Akronite were sales books from several societies so that there were plenty of stamps on display both for sale and trade. This feature is one that always attracts and interests collectors for collectors are always looking for stamps.

The display and the bourse continued throughout the afternoon

with quite a goodly crowd in and out of the room.

About 6 p. m. a crew of hotel employees came into the room and quickly converted it to a banquet room, in fact the rapidity with which this was done speaks highly for the management for the guests were not disturbed and what was so unusual, the dinner was served promptly and without a lot of delay as is so often the case.

I forgot to tell you about the badges, etc. On arrival at the hotel each person was registered and paid \$1.50 for the dinner if they chose to stay for the dinner, that was the only charge, the badges were of rubber, you know everything in Akron is rubber, even the stamp club, and how they could stretch the short time that we were there into so many pleasant hours was just wonderful.

The guests were seated by finding their names on the bottom of a menu at the places around the tables and everyone seemed to be well placed with friends and with visitors from out of town as well as with local members at the various tables. The menus were neat folders with the frame of the 5c Inland Exchange on the front page and bearing the wording, "Eleventh Annual—Open House—Rubber City—Stamp Club—Hotel Portage—Dec. 6-7."

An excellent dinner was served, as is frequently seen at philatelic dinners, the menu contained numerous references in philatelic terms. Following the dinner the guests were promised some Philatelic Phun and if the reception accorded this part of the program is any indication of the popularity of the brand of Phun that the Akron Boys dispense then the Phun Phorum was a pronounced success.

In order that you might better understand some of the following things I want to tell you that the entertainment following the dinner was a Burlesque. I mean it was Burlesqued, the nearest thing to the kind of a Burlesque you would think about was a strip of three of the 1 Peseta Goya stamps mounted in an album that was on display and it bore a caption "The Perfect Strip." You can make one of these for your own album, quite a novel and attractive idea. (That ought to create a demand for Goya Strips from the dealers.)

President Wolcott of the Rubber Neck Stamp Club was the first

speaker. He warmly welcomed the guests and turned the meeting over to Toastmaster Lovejoy. This man is well named or probably they selected him on account of his name. Anyhow there was much joy dispensed by way of his witty remarks.

A report of the Secretary-Treasurer was read and since this was one of the novel parts of the program I am copying it here for you. Perhaps you can use it in your club sometime.

Minutes of Dec. 7, 1929

The annual meeting of the Rubber City Stamp Club was called to order by our President at 6:48½ p. m., Eastern Standard on December 7, 1929.

Minutes of the previous nine annual meetings were read and approved except for eighteen dissenting votes.

The Treasurer's report was surprisingly accepted as read.

All the old business was rehashed but we got nowhere.

Under the head of new business the President, O. H. Wolcott, gave a dry and uninteresting speech of welcome to the out of town guests.

The Toastmaster, L. C. Lovejoy, then proceeded to tell a lot of aged and many times heard stories as he introduced the twenty-nine speakers. When the last speech was finished the President asked that all sleeping visitors and members be courteously awakened in order to approve the motion for adjournment.

Formal dinner meeting adjourned at 8 p. m.

C. A. Bensinger, Sec'y.

Treasurer's Report

| Receipts— | |
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| Dues and Initiation Fees | \$1,403.02 |
| Revenue from 43 auctions and sales from circuits | 4.13 |
| Profit from sale of hinges and Philatelic supplies | 98.41 |
| Interest derived from Savings Account proposed by C. W. Bedford | .58 |
| Profit from sale of banquet tickets on last annual meeting, Dec. 7, 1929 | 117.09 |
| Donation Auctions | .26 |
| | \$9,801.63 |

Disbursements—

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| Rental of Club Rooms donated free of charge by Harry Ream | \$ 610.00 |
| Postage for statements to brothers who have not paid their dues | 28.10 |
| Ginger ale, ice, etc., etc., for committee meetings | 421.09 |
| Memberships in various national and international organizations | 4.00 |
| Expenditures for cards and poker chips, for the annual meeting | 10.00 |
| Police Protection | .18 |
| | \$14,681.53 |

Treasury Deficit \$1,932.97

O. S. Hart, as you well know, is one of the deans of Philately in America. They used to call him "Ollie" in his younger days and he is still "Ollie" to the boys, in fact he is just as much of a boy as any of us and still going strong. He talked of "Finds I Never Found."

W. T. Popper gave a talk on Philatelic Etiquette, explaining how to place your finger on your friend's nice clean stamps and spot them up, how to rifle through the pages of a bunch of approval books and make the loose stamps fly. He explained all the little tricks that make us want to throw some collectors out the window of the club room.

"A Stamp Collector's Wife," by Mrs. L. C. Lovejoy was one of the bright spots of the evening. Her initiation into soaking stamps was a feature of her talk and although she seemed rather wrathful about having such a trick played on her she looked as though she could forgive and forget.

C. W. Bedford then took the floor and awarded the prizes for meritorious work in the stamp world. I do not believe that I can remember all the things that were passed out or who got them but this like the rest of the show was a farce and was enjoyed by everyone. When the recipient of a prize was called for, the party was obliged to walk up front and listen to Bedford's presentation speech, then accept his or her prize and retire to their seats.

Mike Lloyd was presented with a beautiful stitch watermark. Bedford must have unwound a whole roll to find it but it was there all right, clear across the sheet, right close to the perforation.

One of the Detroit boys was presented with a cracked plate. This was a small china plate and it showed the cracks plainly.

A giant of a man, a doctor from New Philadelphia, Ohio, was presented with a bisect on cover. This turned out to be a cigarette wrapper with a split stamp on it. You ought to have seen this man. Bedford introduced him as the biggest stamp collector in the world and believe me boy he just about is it. If we had him, with his breadth and Babe Kennett with his breadth and girth all in one, Barnum would turn over.

Wallace McLaren of Cleveland was presented with some wine stamps on original cover, at least they were on a green bottle that looked suspiciously like the real thing. I meant to follow Mac about and coax him to open it but he got lost in the shuffle and being as he is Scotch I suppose he went up to his room by himself.

One of the boys was presented with a cracked variety on cover and this turned out to be a deck of playing cards with the stamp broken on it. When this was passed

out someone yelled at him and told him to get the chips, too.

Miss Nelle E. Tressel, one of the famous Four Mosqueteers of Canton, Ohio, and Air Mail cover fame, was presented with a beautiful first day cover. Mr. Bedford made a very touching speech when making this presentation and then handed the happy looking young lady a baby's undershirt. Later on, during the auction sale some of the other girls with Miss Tressel thought to kid George Linn and asked him if he would autograph a first day cover. He naturally felt highly complimented by being put up in the Pilot's Class, and immediately got out his fountain pen and then the girls passed over the shirt. Not to be outdone, he very carefully inked the shirt with his name.

The Auction Sale of nearly 200 lots was the next thing on the program and it was a very spirited sale. Some things brought very nice prices while other items went cheap. It was just long enough to be interesting and was enjoyed by all the bidders.

The Akron boys had guaranteed the hotel 75 for the dinner but there were over 80 seated at the start and before it was well started four Pittsburghers dropped in and I believe they had about 90 for the dinner.

After the auction the crowd milled around, swapped stamps and stories, renewed old acquaintances and made new ones and later on broke up in groups in the rooms of various out of town attendants and up in 101 where the Akron Brand of hospitality was on tap till morning.

The bottom of the auction program contained a statement as follows: "We won't say Good Night now, as we want you to stay as long as you can. The Akron boys will sleep in relays and the guests will be furnished with canned sleep."

I wish I had got a list of those that were there from out of town. It surely was an imposing array of names. There were collectors from Cleveland, Toledo, Sandusky, Massillon, Canton, Youngstown, Pittsburgh, New Philadelphia, Columbus, Fostoria, Ravenna, Forestville, N. Y., and Detroit. Probably other towns were represented, too.

Roscoe B. Martin was there and Roscoe showed some very fine and attractive covers, too. He pulled off a novel stunt at the dinner. He had a couple of boys and a girl inquire of every one at the dinner if they took Linn's Weekly and he took the names of everyone who did not take the paper and later in the evening handed the list to Linn and told him that "Here is a bunch of new subscribers." That made Linn's Weekly represented 100% at the meeting and surely was a fine thing for a collector to do.

Up in 101 the late crowd gathered and swapped stamp talk until the wee small hours, it was nearing daylight when the last of them turned in and the entertainment was enjoyed by all.

At about 9 o'clock Sunday morning the crowd began to gather for the trip to the Zeppelin Hangar and believe me boy that is some sight. It looked rather disappoint-

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MERRY CHRISTMAS The Editor is happy to extend this greeting to the thousands of readers of Linn's Weekly Stamp News in this year of 1930. The rapid growth of our publication is due solely to the host of friends who have given liberally of their time and money in helping to build up this publication, and to these friends we are certain that their Christmas will be More Merry—More Happy, because of these deeds.

Our greeting to our readers is to be shared equally by all for we are sure that those who have been so liberal in their help in our struggle of the past two years would not want to accept unto themselves more than one five-thousandth part of our greeting to our readers.

Next Christmas we hope to be able to distribute this greeting in ten-thousandth parts to the readers of Linn's Weekly Stamp News.

OUR CHICAGO REPRESENTATIVE We take pleasure in printing in this number of Linn's Weekly a likeness of Mr. Ralph A. Kimble the Chicago representative of this publication. It is Mr. Kimble who writes the new issue news which has already made Linn's Weekly recognized as the leading paper in the country for news about new stamps. Mr. Kimble also looks out for our interests in many other ways in Chicago and at the Exhibi-

bition of the Chicago Philatelic Society of December 4, 5, 6, he was in charge of our booth where he accepted subscriptions when offered and talked them out of many others. Over 200 new subscriptions were picked up by Mr. Kimble at this event.

Mr. Kimble is dated up with Radio Station WMAQ for a 15-minute talk on stamps each Saturday throughout the winter season. This talk is at 4:45 each Saturday afternoon. Tune in.

A study of the picture of Mr. Kimble should readily convince anyone that he is a go-getter, a man who does what he starts to do and his activities in stamps and other fields are numerous.

Linn's Weekly is fortunate in having a man of the type of Mr. Kimble to look after its interests in a city of the size of Chicago. Chicago, in the next two years is going to become one of the principle centers of interest to stamp collectors and readers of the Weekly can rest assured that they will get the news first.

AKRON'S ANNUAL It is difficult to think

of things to say that will express adequately, one's appreciation and opinion of the wonderful meeting at Akron, Ohio, on December 6th and 7th. Frequent attendance at the annual March meetings of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club in Cleveland makes one believe that it would be hard to crowd into a few hours' time anything more in pleasure and stamps than is done by the Cleveland boys, but they shall have to look to their laurels in the future.

Ed. Parker and your Editor were the delegation from the Columbus Philatelic Club and since both of us are on the Committee for the S. P. A. meet here in Columbus, next August, the lessons we learned at Akron will come in quite handy.

Up at Akron, everything is RUBBER, they talk rubber, think rubber, use rubber in every way, make rubber—and of course they rubber as anyone else would when they see something to rubber at, but the extraordinary thing about this event was that they must have used rubber time for it is hard to understand how they crowded so much of interest into the few hours that the program covered.

An account of the meeting is in this issue of the Weekly, read it, and we hope you will enjoy it.

THE PROPOSAL OF POSTMASTER BROWN to increase the letter rate of postage to 2 1/2c is bringing forth much unfavorable comment from the press as well as from Senators and officials in Washington. It is stated that no member of the House Post-office Committee can be found

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who will sponsor the measure and if such is the result it seems doomed to quick death. The man who would sponsor this bill would doubtless become more disliked than the late Mr. Grundy.

THE REPORT OF THE HOUSE
Appropriations Committee made public December 3, estimates that the cost of free mail for official purposes for members of Congress totaled \$718,060 in 1930. Add to this the cost of tons of campaign literature printed and mailed by congressmen and the amount would be tremendous.

A MOST WORTHY CAUSE

For the past five years, our Post office Department has seen fit to issue commemorative stamps for numerous events and battles of the Revolutionary War but not since the 1915 issue of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition stamps has the West been recognized by commemorative stamps.

President Hoover early this year issued a proclamation calling attention to the "Centennial of the Oregon Trail." Surely this event is most deserving of consideration by the Postoffice Department, and a series of stamps commemorating the battle of the courageous pioneers of the Oregon Trail in winning the West would certainly be a fitting way to honor these pioneers.

It was resolved on November 7, 1930, in a meeting at Seattle of the American Philatelic Society that the Postoffice Department be requested to commemorate the 100th anniversary (1930) of the Oregon Trail by the issuance of suitable stamps as soon as possible.

It was further resolved that notifications of this resolution be sent to other philatelic organizations, Chambers of Commerce, service clubs and other organizations and individuals in the Pacific Northwest urging that they endorse a similar resolution, same to be forwarded to the Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., not later than Dec. 1st.

Will you please bring this before your organization promptly and send us a copy of your resolution? We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours for the Pacific Northwest,

American Philatelic Society, Puget Sound Chapter No. 70, Arthur K. Roberts, Treasurer.

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Buro Prints

Information regarding new issues and notes of interest should be sent direct to the Editor of this column.

C. C. WEBER Editor
5008 Bridge Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

To all of our readers:

To those who gave so generously of their help:

To G. W. Linn who lets copy ride as she is:

I wish a very Merry Christmas and may your socks and stockings be full of new issues.

C. C. Weber.

Chas. Metz of Philadelphia shows the new B11 type St. Louis in the 9c value.

Lawrence Bros. send in some interesting items, among them the old type Denver compound, 9-centized with the regular broken "V".

Silas Weatherby of Lakewood, Ohio, sends in a new break on the Newark 4c B11 (W). A clean cut through the "N" of N. J.

The White Rose Exchange of York, Pa., sends in three interesting buro oddities.

Dallas 3c B11 ord. The regular scar that almost obliterates the "AS" of Dallas.

Cincinnati 3c B11 ord. A stretched overprint so large as to seem to be a different font of type.

Philadelphia 3c B11 ord. type with two vertical straight edges, and a row of perfs. $\frac{1}{8}$ inch in from left hand side. It is explained by Mr. Britcher as follows: Mailing machine users find themselves out of coils and then split up the ordinarys into rows of ten and run them through. If the knife hits O. K. we have what appears to be a near coil but perforated top and bottom. Can anyone give further information on this practise?

The November issue of The Windy City Precancel News is with us, chock full of interesting offers and news items. We note the find-

issue of Buro Catalog No. 7 is ing of an old type Batavia coil with a double impression. Mr. Opala of Chicago, the lucky finder has turned down plenty for his oddity. Mr. Gunesch advises the scheduled for around Dec. 1st. In closing Mr. Gunesch takes a gentle slap at plate break fans who expect to get these oddities at regular list. Have a care when you go "plate break."

Your editor recently had the pleasure of first pick of E. P. Anthony's buro oddity collection. It was a rare treat. Anthony's specialized city type Cleveland collection as well as his very fine buro collection is offered for sale. E. P. does not plan to desert the precancel field but press of other duties just about leaves time for research work on precanceled revenues. It is to be regretted that all of you could not have the pleasure of seeing these two fine collections.

H. M. Hedrick of Detroit shows the 3, 7, and 10c values of the St. Louis shift varieties. They have all been noted except the 8c.

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This department belongs to our readers and we ask you to send all information received to the Editor as soon as possible and same will be acknowledged.



Merry Christmas

We wish every Air Mail Collector a Merry Christmas, and hope you get covers from Santa Claus and everywhere else. 1930 has surely produced a wealth of fine material for our collections and we can look them over with great pleasure if we have obtained even a small percentage of those events which have occurred; and if you did not collect these milestones of aviation this year, there is plenty of time to start with the events listed in this number.

Pacific Ship to Shore

On January 24, 1931, the first attempt on the Pacific Coast to transfer mail by plane to steamer under way, will be made. The Curtiss-Wright people will try to drop mail on the "City of Los Angeles" bound for Hawaii and if successful the covers will be mailed at Honolulu. Earle Ovington will be co-pilot on the plane and these covers will have a special cachet, the ship stamp and be autographed by some one. Send your covers unsealed and not stuffed, franked with 5c air mail stamp. Be sure to place your address neatly and very near the lower right hand corner, leaving plenty of room for the various markings, and mail same full postage prepaid to: Room 414 Central Building, Los Angeles, Cal., and same must reach there not later than January 18th. Thanks to J. T. Nicholson for this information.

New Uruguay Stamps

A. H. Davis writes that Uruguay now proposes to issue special newspaper stamps to be affixed to all foreign newspapers and journals entering that country and apply the proceeds therefrom to a special fund for providing pensions for local journalists.

Air Mail De Luxe

M. S. Petty reports that P. M. G. Brown is considering the creation of such a service from New York to Washington, which is a combination air mail and special delivery service and for which 25c

fee will be charged. This would surely speed up mail between these cities.

Lethbridge, Alberta

Will become a point of call on the line from Winnipeg to Calgary on January 15th, 1931. Four different cachets will be used to commemorate this event, on covers dispatched from Calgary to Lethbridge; Lethbridge to Medicine Hat, and Medicine Hat to Lethbridge. Covers should be addressed to your own address and marked "Via Calgary-Lethbridge," etc., and franked with 5c Canadian postage or accompanied by M. O. for 5c each, and sent to the Postmaster of each city.

U. S. Lines

The United States Lines have submitted plans to the Navy Department calling for two new 50,000 ton ships having a speed greater than the Bremen and Europa and having catapults by which fast planes will be launched from 600 to 1000 miles at sea. These ships would make possible a three-day mail service to Europe.

Air Mail Increases

1930 Air Mail to Latin America via Pan American Airways has shown large increases over the volume carried in 1929. From January to October, 1930, the mail load on all lines amounted to 169,000 lbs. increasing from 45,750 lbs. for the same period of 1929, an increase of 268 per cent and similar increases occurred on most of the individual lines.

New Zealand Air Stamp

Trade Commissioner J. B. Foster reports that New Zealand will issue a 6 cent air mail stamp which it is said will be necessary in addition to regular postage per ounce for mail sent by air within that country.

Australia

Seaplane mail service from Sydney to Brisbane, Australia, is one of the foreign routes likely to be opened within the next few months, with stops at Taree, Kempsey, Grafton and Belligen. Get in touch with some correspondent for these.

National Exchange Club Tour

Under Walter Hinton, this tour left Toledo, Nov. 26th with six pursuit planes from Selfridge Field, the first stop being at Put-in-Bay, O., where the airport was dedicated.

William Elliott writes that 415 covers were mailed at that point, and on Dec. 2nd the Tour visited Saginaw, Mich.

Do They Fly?

From January to June, 1930, more than 1,100,000 persons were passengers in airplanes and more than 3,761,000 lbs. of mail was transported by planes.

Air Mail Appropriations

Asked for the next fiscal year amount to twenty millions of dollars for domestic air mail service being an increase of five million dollars over the current year.

The hearings before the House Appropriations Committee indicate that the following eight new domestic routes are wanted: viz. Louisville-Little Rock-Fort Worth; Kansas City-Denver; Pittsburgh-Norfolk; St. Paul-Winnipeg; Richmond-Jacksonville; Greensboro-Columbia-Augusta; Pueblo-Fort Worth; Pueblo-El Paso.

These are largely connecting up routes and with this expansion the air mail map of the U. S. will be practically complete, hence it behooves collectors of C A M's to fill in and collect the First Day Covers of all of the Routes as soon as possible while they may be had at reasonable prices, as after this year the opening of new routes may be practically over.

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CAM No. 34

It is said that the 24-hour service of this route may be delayed 60 days beyond January 1st, but if you wish, you may now send covers for that event to District Traffic Agent, Transcontinental & Western Air, Los Angeles, and a cachet is assured. Be sure to mark same "Hold for 1st Flight, 24-hour Service."

Miscellany

Covers from Panama, via. Cienfuegos, received by First Flight, franked with Special Delivery, overprinted.

Ben Stone sent cover from Mt. Clemens, Mich., mailed Nov. 22nd at beginning of Mitchell Trophy Air Races at Selfridge Field, with a multigraphed cachet and Chamber of Commerce Stamp.

M. S. Petty sends one from Washington, Dec. 5th, when Pres. Hoover presented the Herbert Schiff Memorial Trophy to Squadron 3-B of the Lexington, and says that he mailed eighty for collectors.

G. H. Porter says that Wilkinsburg, Pa., mailed 175 dedication covers on Nov. 22 and 25 on Nov. 23rd.

All American Air Races at Miami, Jan. 7-9th and probably a cachet will be used. Covers may be sent to Chas. de Lagenau 74 N. W. 27th St.

Thanks to a number of collectors for FDC of the new 1½c Harding Stamp.

F. H. Wilde favor with FDC from Tagus Ranch, Cal., on Dec. 1st that being the first day of the new P. O. and the cancellation is a "beauty".

The Florida Air Tour will leave Miami during the Races, and will visit some 25 cities, and at that time Wauchula, Fla., will dedicate.

Fort Wayne was added to A. M. 27 on Dec. 6th and a creditable cachet was used.

Newark, N. J., will apply a cachet when passenger service is begun, to Miami, on Jan. 1st. Covers to Leo August, 510 South 18th St.

Boyerstown, Pa., will dedicate soon, and Geo. Nowobilski, Box 47,

Stowe, Pa., will take care of your covers.

The extra postage required on covers on the 1st leg of the London-Cape Town Route is 12 c. to East African cities, and will be 19c extra to the South African cities. Don't send covers to the Postmasters, but hunt up a correspondent.

A charity air circus will be held at Grand Central Terminal, Glendale, Calif., on Jan. 4th and some kind of cachet will no doubt be used. I suggest sending covers to J. T. Nicholson, Alexander Theater Bldg., Glendale, Calif.

American Vice Consul says that thousands of air mail letters on the inauguration of the flight to Maracaibo last May have piled up at the local postoffice and the P. M. did not return them because he was not authorized to use International Reply Coupons. He has been waiting for that authorization to come from the Federal authorities, and has only just received same, consequently those letters will now be dispatched.

Covers from La Guaria, Venezuela, the new Terminal, received today, the first flight north leaving that city Dec. 5th. They're good, but no cachet was used at that place.

Many thanks to following collectors for items: Ben Stone, William Elliott, M. S. Petty, Geo. H. Porter, W. J. Kirby, W. R. Hoffman, Don Dickason, R. V. Bahr, J. T. Nicholson, Leo August, F. H. Wilde.

TWO MILLION SAVE STAMPS

The Cleveland Sunday News of December 7 contained one of the best stories on stamp collecting that it has been our pleasure to read. The story was a full page spread in the magazine section of the News and was illustrated with

numerous special drawings in colors. The author of this article has crammed more real information of general interest into a small space than we have ever found in any similar story.

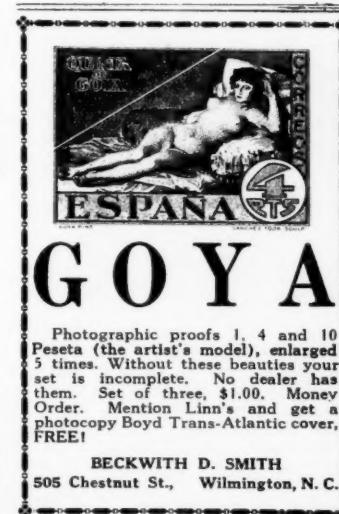
AKRON CELEBRATION

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ing from the outside but as soon as you got inside you realized that it was about twice as big inside as it was outside, anyhow that is the way it impressed me. You could just sort of "feel" the immensity of the thing.

The visit of this crowd of stamp collectors at the Hangar was unique. There were no cachets applied to air mail covers for the event.

Returning to the hotel, stamp trading and swapping again started and since I and my chauffeur, Ed Parker, were anxious to get started home we had our dinner and beat it. Boy, you sure missed a notable event. Yours truly, Phil Dodgers.



WANTED

The Imperforate Stamps of the present U. S. Issue. I need the 1c, 1½c (flat and rotary) and the 2c, Scott's Numbers 575, 576, 577, and 631. Must be in blocks of 4 or larger, preferably in large panes or sheets. Submit what you have with your price attached, or, if the lots are very large, quote me by letter. Cash by return mail for all lots sent me if your price is right.

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PRECANCEL NEWS

Information regarding precancels and notes of interest should be sent direct to the Editors of this column.

LAWRENCE BROTHERS, Editors
Anamosa, Iowa

The biggest piece of precancel news this week is the great number of precancels which are appearing with the double bar. In fact, if this column is going to be right up to date, we must ask Editor Linn to change the illustration heading this column, and place two bars above and below, "PRECANCEL NEWS."

So far 37 different cities are coming forth with double bar precancels! And Corning, N. Y., is using three double bars! If you see any with four double bars, let us know!

A. E. Tabler of Hamilton, Ohio, reports double bars are coming from his city and the \$1.00 value among other stamps have been precancelled in this new type.

Chas. Metz, of Philadelphia, reports that the double bars are appearing in four distinct fonts of type, and that he has already begun a specialized collection of them.

When we speak of a specialized collection, we mean a collection where the owner specializes on one certain phase of the hobby. In the precancel hobby, the double bars would make a nice specialized hobby as they are just coming out.

Precancels are appearing in Austria and Hungary and England will soon have them!

Chas. Metz states Taunton, Mass., is out on a new type, U 54, heavy bars, and to make it real interesting you can look for the error, Tainton.

Don't forget to tell your friends that Linn is publishing two precancel columns. C. C. Weber's bureau print column, which is the world's best, and this, the next best!

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PANE MARGINS

H. M. Southgate in The Bureau Specialist

The question is often asked why the margins at top and bottom of our flat bed printed stamps are sometimes narrow on top instead of the normal width. When the double line watermark was changing into a single line mark and then being omitted altogether, I made effort to get perfectly centered copies of all denominations in a single plate number and full top margin. It certain seemed a simple thing to do especially as I was not after any particular number—but just try it! Ultimately I got them in each issue fairly satisfactorily but it was several years before the full margins were completed and that made me look into the question.

The operator who puts the paper on the plate for printing gauges its position in all single color work, by her eye, there being no guide or stop on the flat bed to place the paper against. The paper is placed on the plate as nearly as possible with the edge of the paper nearest the operator one-half the distance between the edge of the plate and the engraved surface. With the standard sized paper this leaves roughly $\frac{1}{8}$ inch margin at the top and $\frac{1}{8}$ inch margin at the bottom if the plate is placed normally on the press, i. e., with the design upright. The engraved area on the plate is 17.50 inch in width and 19.50 inch in height approximately and the paper is cut 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

As the plate is worn from wiping and polishing, the action of the plate printer in polishing being uniformly in one way it is the rule to reverse the plate, (i. e., the lettering would be upside down) after the wear becomes apparent. The paper is placed on the plate however with the same margin from the nearest edge of the plate to the operator but as the top of the plate is now nearest to her, the top margins become narrow and the bottom margins wide. An entire printing of a denomination may be run off in this way, so it may require exhaustion of an office stock and the supply of new stamps before wide margins show up.

Those receiving Mr. Bedford's Shift Hunter Letters may remember in the last letter (No. 22) reference to the very interesting discovery of Mr. Steimley proving that the 6c Columbian stamps were printed from 100 subject and not 900 subject plates as usually understood. (Luff. Postage Stamps of the U. S.) As identical panes are owned by our member Mr. Dorn, which show in one case the plate number at the top and no margin at the bottom and in the other case

the number at the bottom and no margin at the top, the conclusion is drawn that the paper has been trimmed so that the plate number is always cut off on one side.

I believe that is not the case but that in printing from a half sized plate standard paper was used but cut in halves. Before cutting there would be sufficient height of paper for a proper margin at both top and bottom with a full size plate (in the case of the large Columbian stamps a 200 subject plate) but when cut, there would only be a normal margin left on one side of the cut.

Thus with these 100 subject Columbian plates and half sheets, the operator would locate the paper on the plate as close to the edge of the design as possible and there would be no bottom number. As the plate wore it would be reversed and no top number would show.

It does not seem unlikely that as cracks and double transfers appear in considerable numbers on this plate that the workmanship was not up to the mark and that half of what had been intended for a 200 subject plate was never finished. The Bank Note Company were taking a considerable chance however in making a printing of about 27,000 sheets from one plate and undoubtedly reversal of the plate was necessary.

THINK THIS OVER

Freak ideas seem to be a part of the present postal administration at Washington. The latest proposal is one to make it illegal to sell, barter, or have in one's possession used United States Stamps.

Yes—that is just what we wanted to say. The idea is preposterous. Yet the suggestion has been made by someone and is being talked over in official circles.

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such a law as this would not and could not remedy the matter.

If crooks clean and reuse stamps, a law prohibiting the possession of used stamps would no more stop the practice than does the law which forbids the practice.

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ALL FOR CHARITY

A writer in a Boston weekly knocks the Dominican Republic Red Cross stamps from so many directions that there isn't very much left to the stamps. He doesn't like the workmanship; he objects to the fact they were sold in New York before being put in the P. O. at the island and he doesn't like tete-beches. There are probably several other dislikes, but that will give you an idea. The fact is that it was well announced in advance that the stamp would be placed on sale at the Consulate in N. Y. as a convenience to dealers. That's the old story of the British Colony stamp which was never in the P. O. any nearer than London. To those on the inside it is being done in many other cases, too. There is no special harm in it at all and only a childish mind would say that those bought at Santo Domingo were any better than those bought in New York.

Saying that you will not contribute 18c toward the relief of the homeless may sound big and almighty if you kept your ideas private, but when you yell out loud in a stamp paper of considerable circulation you influence others and that is the unfair thing about it.

As far as any dealer is concerned it is believed that the propaganda against the set will have no effect. The set sold very fast and we know of one dealer who had a thousand sets and he has about 50 left. He doesn't care whether those are sold or not.

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